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Human Services Council

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TO: Human Services Advisory Groups, Advocacy Organizations,
Service Providers, Boards, Authorities and Commissions and Community Members

FROM: Kevin Bell, Chairman
Human Services Council

SUBJECT: Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) Proposed Budget Management Plan -Opportunities for Public Input

On May 22, 2012, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed the Human Services Council to facilitate a public review process to prioritize, review and evaluate the impact to the CSB's proposed Budget Management Plan on individuals, families, provider network and the human services system. As a consequence, the HSC, in collaboration with the CSB, is offering the public an opportunity to comment on the Plan.

There are several ways to participate in providing your comments and recommendations:

Submit written comments:

To submit comments on line, please visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fairfaxfallschurchCSBplan>

Community Meetings: There will be three meetings:

Families and consumers: Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7 p.m. in rooms 230 A and B, 2nd floor Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Additional opportunities to participate by video conference from various county facilities are available and are noted on the attached schedule. *In addition, individuals may participate in a phone question session at this meeting. The phone number to call is 703 324-2001. Calls will be queued and answered in the order in which they are received starting at 8 p.m. Calls will not be accepted after 8:30 p.m. and please note there is a limit of 30 calls due to time limitations.*

Organizations: Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in conference center rooms 9 and 10, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA ; and

Monday June 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in conference center rooms 9 and 10, Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA

By means of a process the Council uses annually to seek recommendations from the public, organizations such as human services advisory groups, advocacy organizations, service providers, and boards, authorities and commissions will be able to comment at either of the two meetings listed above.

To sign up in advance to speak at these community meetings, or to request ADA accommodations and to submit written comments, please contact Dwight Curtis at Dwight.Curtis@fairfaxcounty.gov, 703 324-5630, TTY 711. At each meeting, due to the anticipated number of speakers, speakers will be limited to three minutes.

CSB financial projections indicate that without budget baseline reductions or additional revenues, an estimated budget shortfall could occur in FY 2013 of as much as \$9.4 million. The CSB's proposed budget management plan to address this shortfall may be accessed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/about/budget-management-plan.pdf>.

As you consider the CSB budget management plan and prepare your comments, please consider the following questions:

- Which services do you wish to comment on and express support for?
- If these services are not available in the community, how will it affect you, your family, or your organization?
- If funds are not available to cover the projected budget shortfall, what suggestions or ideas do you have for the Community Services Board to consider?

Throughout this process, members of the Human Services Council will be working in collaboration with members of the Community Services Board (Jane Woods and Lynne Crammer) on a Joint Budget Review Workgroup.

The Council will consider all community input received, the recommendations of the Joint Budget Review Work Group, and discuss and adopt recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its July 16, 2012 meeting.

The Board of Supervisors' Human Services Committee will consider the Council's recommendations on July 24, 2012. The full Board will take subsequent action as part of the County's carryover budget review process in September.

The Council appreciates your careful review of these proposed actions and welcomes your comments. As always, thank you for your continued dialogue with us on the importance of the human services system and its impact on the lives of Fairfax area residents.

For more information about the Human Services Council and the upcoming meeting schedule, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscouncil/>.

Attachment: Schedule of public input opportunities and key meeting dates

cc: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
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